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September 2011 Labor Report

Highlights

- According to September 2011 estimates, Kansas gained 17,700 nonfarm jobs over the month, a 1.4 percent increase. Kansas lost 2,200 private sector jobs over the month.
- Over the year, Kansas has added 5,200 nonfarm jobs, and private sector jobs were up by 7,800 since September 2010.
- The September 2011 unemployment rate in Kansas was 6.6 percent, down from 6.9 percent in August 2011 and down from 6.9 percent in September 2010.
- The September 2011 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.7 percent, unchanged from August 2011 and down from 7.0 percent in September 2010.

Learn about the difference between seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted numbers [here](#).

- Five of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over-the-month job gains. These gains were greatest in the following areas:
 - Government gained 19,900 jobs, an 8.4 percent increase. These jobs were primarily in local government because of the return of school employment after the summer break.
 - Manufacturing gained 1,400 jobs, a 0.9 percent increase, mainly in durable goods manufacturing.
 - Education and health services gained 1,300 jobs, a 0.7 percent increase. Gains were in private education.
- Five of the 11 major industries reported statewide over-the-month job losses. These were in:
 - Construction lost 2,800 jobs, a 4.8 percent decrease. Losses were spread throughout the sector.
 - Trade, transportation and utilities lost 1,500 jobs, a 0.6 percent decline. The losses were primarily in wholesale trade.
 - Information lost 1,000 jobs, a 3.6 percent decrease.
- Six of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over-the-year job gains. These gains were primarily in the following areas:
 - Education and health services gained 5,800 jobs, a 3.2 percent increase. These gains were mostly in healthcare and social assistance.
 - Professional and business services gained 4,800 jobs, a 3.4 percent increase. The gains were in administrative and support services, waste management and remediation services.
 - Manufacturing gained 3,400 jobs, a 2.1 percent increase. These gains were primarily in durable goods manufacturing.

- Five of the 11 major industries reported statewide over-the-year job losses. These losses were greatest in the following areas:
 - Information lost 3,200 jobs, a 10.6 percent decrease. These losses were spread throughout the sector.
 - Financial activities lost 3,100 jobs, a 4.4 percent decrease. In this industry, job losses were greatest in finance and insurance.
 - Government lost 2,600 jobs, a 1.0 percent decline. The losses were mostly in federal government.
- There were 17,341 initial claims for unemployment benefits in September 2011, down from 21,420 initial claims in August 2011 and down from 23,583 in September 2010. There were 184,370 continued claims in September 2011, down from 231,076 in August 2011 and down from 194,587 in September 2010. These numbers include Regular, Extended Benefit (EB) and Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) claims. EB and EUC benefits are federally funded through 2011.

The October 2011 Labor Report will be released on November 22, 2011.

Quotes

Karin Brownlee, Kansas Secretary of Labor

“We are seeing some economic indicators trending in the right direction, such as initial and continued unemployment claims falling. Kansas has 7800 more new private sector jobs now compared to one year ago at this time. Our growth is steady, albeit tentative.”

Tyler Tenbrink, KDOL Labor Economist

“September was another month of anemic job growth. However, on a positive note, the labor force actually grew by over 7,000. This is the first noticeable growth in several months and shows that some people who are looking for work are finding jobs, and others are having enough confidence in the labor market to continue their search for employment.”

Current Conditions September 2011

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Unemployment Rate	6.6%
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Seasonally Adjusted

Unemployment Rate	6.7%
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Learn the difference between the rates [here](#).

Initial Claims (all programs)	17,341
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Non-Farm Jobs	1,328,600
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Civilian Labor Force	1,509,787
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CPI-Midwest
(change since September 2010)

3.9%

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